



Application/Control Number: 10/664,773

### Amendment to the claims

I claim:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (New)

A composite stud composed of three separate parts of the same material joined together to form an elongated H shape fastened to both sides of the joists as well as providing contact with the joist below the composite stud and support to the joist above, the ends of the composite stud being of varying lengths dependant on the location of the composite stud within the construction (ie., 1st floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, ceiling joists) with the middle section of the composite stud being of a constant height

equal to the vertical clearances called for in the building specifications except where the composite stud connects the ceiling joist with the roof rafters where the height varies according to the height of the angle of the roof rafters where the composite stud is placed resulting in a complete integration of a building's framework of joists, composite studs, and rafters.

6. (New)

All forms of frame construction using the described composite stud.